

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Vittorio FOSSATI, et al. Attorney Docket Q65520

Appln. No.: Not Assigned Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

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Filed: July 24, 2001

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE CONFIGURATION AND THE REMOTE MONITORING OF TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK ELEMENTS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

11. (Amended) Computer program comprising an encoder adapted to carryout all the steps of claims 3 when said program is run on a computer.

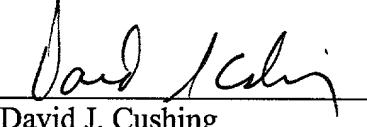
12. (Amended)Computer-readable medium having a program recorded thereon, said computer-readable medium comprising an encoder adapted to carry out all the steps of claims 3 when said program is run on a computer.

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**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

11. (Amended) Computer program comprising an encoder adapted to carryout all the steps of claims 3 or 6 when said program is run on a computer.
  
12. (Amended) Computer-readable medium having a program recorded thereon, said computer-readable medium comprising an encoder adapted to carry out all the steps of claims 3 or 6 when said program is run on a computer.